



MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 5

DEPT.: Recreation and Parks

DATE: December 1, 2004

ACTION: Presentation of certificate of recognition to Jim Binsted, retired President of the Rockville Baseball Association.

ACTION STATUS:

FOR THE MEETING OF: 12/06/04

INTRODUCED

PUB. HEARING

INSTRUCTIONS

APPROVED

EFFECTIVE

ROCKVILLE CITY CODE,

CHAPTER

SECTION

☐ CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND: After 23 years with the Rockville Baseball Association, Jim Binsted will step down. From 1995 - 2004, Mr. Binsted served as the league President, longer than any of his predecessors. Prior to serving as the League President, he served on the Board in a number of different positions. In addition to Jim's board experience, he volunteered and managed several baseball teams in the program.

The following are contributions and achievements that occurred during Jim's tenure as President:

- In 1995, the City of Rockville and the RBBA executed the first **MOU and Youth Baseball League Model**, which is currently still in force, and re-evaluated and signed every three years.
- Mr. Binsted actively sought and eventually implemented a program for screening and evaluating all potential managers in the Recreation/Intramural baseball program. He instituted a program whereby all managers had to participate in background checks and were required to become NYSCA Certified. Additionally, Mr. Binsted made a mandatory

attendance requirement at various baseball clinics within and outside the RBBA. The RBBA paid all fees for Managers to attend clinics.

- In 1996, the RBBA in conjunction with the City of Rockville, developed a one-year pilot project to temporarily establish a fall baseball program. The project was extremely successful and as a result fall baseball was permanently established in 1997.
- In 1996, a pilot project was established between the RBBA and the Rockville Elks Club to enter a Junior Division team in the Montgomery County Baseball Association's Select Baseball League. The following year, 1997 the league entered a Pee Wee and Midget RBBA teams. Over the past 8 years, the Select program has become self-supporting and has added Select teams to every age group in the MCBA.
- Mr. Binsted was instrumental in the promotion and development of the little Dogwood baseball field at Dogwood Park. This field has been a great compliment to the two existing fields, as well as provided for more baseball, at the younger-aged group to be played at one centralized park. Mr.
- Additionally, Mr. Binsted was instrumental in the creation of the RBBA Web site. The RBBA Web site is now a showpiece in opening to the community all aspects of the baseball operations in the City.

The Rockville Recreation and Parks Department would like to thank and recognize Jim Binsted for all his hard work and devotion to the program that will be realized long beyond the years that he gave to the RBBA. It has been a great and enjoyable pleasure working with him.

PREPARED BY:

Chuck Miller
Chuck Miller, R&P Sports Programs Supervisor

12/1/04
Date

APPROVE:

Burt Hall
Burt Hall, Director of Recreation and Parks

12.1.04
Date

Scott Ullery
Scott Ullery, City Manager

12.1.04
Date

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:



Mayor and Council – Rockville, Maryland

Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to:

Jim Binsted



*For years of dedicated services and loyalty to
the Rockville Baseball Association. 1983 - 2004
Presided 10 years as President of the league.*

A generation of young Rockville baseball players will forever be in your debt for allowing them to learn the skills, sportsmanship and lessons taught through America's greatest game. Your hard work and devotion will be felt well beyond the years that you gave to RBBA.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chuck Miller".

Chuck Miller, Rockville Sports Programs Supervisor

A handwritten signature in bold, block letters, reading "LARRY GIAMMO".

Mayor Larry Giammo

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey
Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.
Councilmember Susan R. Hoffmann
Councilmember Anne M. Robbins

December 6, 2004